

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

- 5       Claim 1 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical tablet comprising at least two segments, one of which is a top segment and the other of which is a bottom segment, said tablet having a height greater than width wherein said height is measured vertically from the top to the bottom of said tablet while it is in the tablet die in which it is fully compressed, after said compression is completed; and said width is measured as the greatest horizontal dimension of the tablet at a location halfway between said top and said bottom of said tablet, except that when the horizontal cross section of said tablet is substantially rectangular, the width is defined by locating the two shorter sides of the perimeter of said horizontal cross-section, and measuring the length of a line that is at right angle to said shorter sides, said tablet having at least one side wherein said tablet is provided with a separation mark or marks for guiding breakage of the tablet into tablettes, said separation mark selected from the group consisting of one or more of the following:
- (a) a score in a side wherein said score is not oriented vertically;
- (b) indicia on at least one side that locates a desired breaking region of said tablet;
- (c) a band which is located on one segment which is located on one segment or at 20 an interface of the two segments; or
- (d) a core of said tablet in which a first lower and a second upper segment have the same color and contain either the same drug in a pharmacologically effective quantity or both lack a pharmacologically effective quantity of any drug, and a third inner, interposed segment that has a different color from a segment contacting said third segment, and being positioned between said first segment and said second segment and has either the same drug as said first segment when said first segment has a pharmacologically effective quantity of a drug or has no pharmacologically effective quantity of a drug when said first segment lacks a pharmacologically effective quantity of any drug.

Claim 2 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 where the separation mark is located either entirely within one segment or at an interface of two segments.

5       Claim 3 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 where the separation mark is in a pharmaceutical tablet comprising three segments where the separation mark is placed on or in a single segment which is not a top or bottom segment.

Claim 4 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 3 where at least one additional separation mark is placed in one or more segments which is a top or bottom segment.

10      Claim 5 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 wherein the separation mark comprises a score.

Claim 6 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 5 in which said separation mark that comprises a score is substantially horizontally oriented on said tablet.

Claim 7 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet in claim 5 in which said separation mark that comprises a score is substantially confined within one segment.

15      Claim 8 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 5 in which said separation mark that comprises a score is substantially confined within an interface between segments.

Claim 9 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 wherein the separation mark comprises indicia.

20      Claim 10 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 wherein the separation mark comprises printed indicia.

Claim 11 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 wherein the separation mark comprises printed indicia that comprise a printed line or lines, a printed logo or logos, a printed arrow or arrows, a numerical or other type of dose indication or indications or a code number or numbers.

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Claim 12 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 wherein the separation mark comprises a plurality of scores.

Claim 13 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 where the separation mark is in a pharmaceutical tablet having three vertically disposed segments where the separation mark is placed solely in the inner segment which is interposed between the top and bottom segments, said separation mark being placed horizontally on the tablet, wherein the horizontal axis corresponds to the horizontal axis of a tablet die in which said tablet is compressed.

Claim 14 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 3 where the separation mark is in a pharmaceutical tablet having three vertically disposed contiguous segments where the separation mark is placed in a single segment which is not a top or bottom segment, said top segment and said bottom segment containing the same or different drugs.

Claim 15 (original). A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 which comprises breaking said tablet at or by said separation mark.

Claim 16 (original). A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 by breaking through a segment of said tablet that has a different color from an adjacent segment.

Claim 17 (original). A method of breaking a pharmaceutical table as defined in claim 1 by breaking through said tablet between two or more separation marks that may include printed lines, printed arrows, or surface.

Claim 18 (original). A method of administering a partial dose of a drug contained in a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1, said method comprising breaking said pharmaceutical tablet at or as guided by said separation mark to form two or more tablettes and administering at least one of said tablettes to a human patient or other living person or animal.

Claim 19 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which said drug or drugs is or are pharmacologically effective in the treatment of cardiovascular conditions, psychiatric conditions, diabetes, thyroid disorders, pain or thrombotic disorders.